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The Honorable Hildy Bowbeer
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Re: *In re Pork Antitrust Litig.*, 0:18-cv-01776-JRT-HB
Defendants' Reply Letter Regarding Case Management Issues

Dear Judge Bowbeer:

In response to the DAPs' March 22 letter to the Court, Defendants do not believe that further argument is warranted regarding the same objections to a Master DAP Complaint that the DAPs have repeatedly made to the Court. Defendants are also confident that the proposal set forth in Defendants' March 22 letter fully addresses the DAPs' stated interest in reviewing Defendants' affirmative defenses to the DAPs' complaints.

Defendants object to the DAPs' remarkable suggestion that the Court simply ignore any forthcoming motion to dismiss brought by Defendants. Defendants are mindful of the Court's interest in economizing judicial resources and intend to focus any motion to dismiss on pleading defects that would allow the Court to streamline the litigation and provide important guidance to the parties regarding the claims at issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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